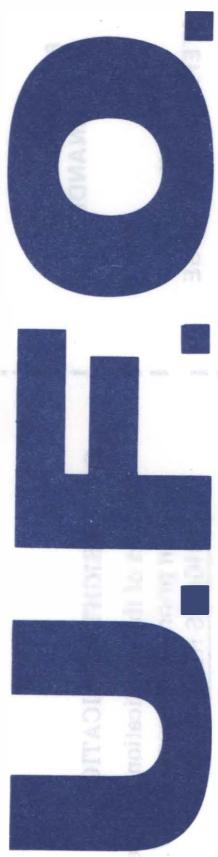
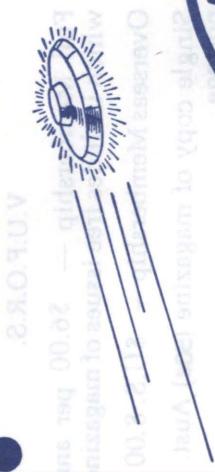


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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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EDITORIAL

There are so many similarities between very early sightings and more recent reports, that it just can't be coincidence.

These occurrences go back as far as the Royal Records of Thotmes III - circa 1504 - 1450 BC - among other things the papyrus contains a report of a great circle of light of at least 170 feet across and as it passed over the terrified Egyptians, they fell to the ground in fear. A few days later, these silent objects which had an offensive odour, were seen again.

Alexander's Army was dispersed in fear on at least three occasions, by 'flying shields', which resembled many modern day UFO reports of being circular in shape with a dome or cupola on top.

During World War 2, pilots of both the axis powers and the Allies reported 'lights' seen near their aircraft, these were called 'foo fighters', yet apparently harmed neither side. Professor James E. MacDonald, American researcher and Astrophysicist, called these lights DL's (damm lights) because many may see them, but after they have left, there is nothing to investigate.

Then we advance from the 'lights' period to the 'circles on the ground' stage. In many parts of the world, small indentations were noted in the countryside and/or large rings of about 30 feet in diameter were observed in crops or grassy areas, in which the grass was either dried out or burnt and in which no fresh growth would be seen for some months nor would animals go inside these rings.

For many years there had been reports of people seeing lights in forest areas where there are no homes, street lights or roads. Prior to the outstanding sighting by the Rev. GILL and his thirty eight witnesses, in New Guinea, where entities were actually seen on the UFO, the natives had reported seeing what they described as "TILLEY LAMPS" - something with which they were familiar at the Mission Station.

These lights remind us of the Rendellsham Forest Incident where the object came down close to the American Base in Suffolk and apparently contact was made with the Commander of the Base.

The second night a number of officers and men went looking for the object and lights were seen coming through the forest and hastened them all back to the barracks.

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ON THE UFO TRAIL

BY PAUL. NORMAN



The year 1987, began with a surprise. As suddenly as a bolt of lightning from the clear sky, came the surprise of an unexpected invitation to visit researchers on Mainland China!

Since much of my itinerary had already been prepared for the overseas journey, some last minute adjustments were quickly made to accept this most welcome invitation.

For years, the Chinese people had been kept in the dark concerning such events as the landing on the moon. The blackout of news and information on these major developments were similar to the policy of most Governments throughout the world, in keeping the general public in ignorance concerning U.F.O.'s, and their landing on the earth.

Even during the reign of MAO TSE-TUNG and his follow up Government, the Chinese people were observing and discussing among themselves, the mystery objects in the sky.

Later, during the Cultural Revolution, a few articales began to appear in various Chinese news papers and other publications. Concern also existed within the Chinese Army that many of these objects were operated by Russian Military pilots or even superior aircraft provided to TAIWAN by the United States. As more was learned about the increasing number and descriptions of these unusual objects, the officials began to realise that these mystery objects were out performing mundane aircraft from any nation, at the same time more difficulty was experienced with attempts to hold U.F.O. activity at a low key.

Some of the encounters are described in the book, "FOUR GREAT MYSTERIES OF MAINLAND CHINA", by PAUL DONG, a Chinese American, who now resides in California. Paul migrated from CANTON at the age of fourteen. He grew up in America, where news of U.F.O. activity was available from reliable Ufologists in that country.

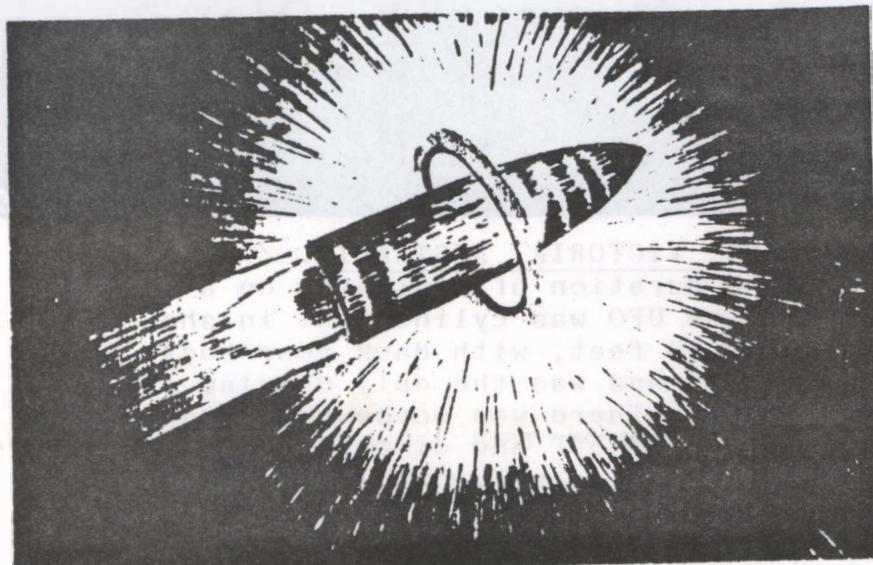
Paul Dong has been a valuable asset to several Chinese groups which continue to spring up in areas of that vast country.

One of my hosts had previously learned of V.U.F.O.R.S. from a contact who was on a visit in his area a few years ago. He had been subscribing to our "AUSTRALIAN U.F.O. BULLETIN" for a number of years before we learned of his association with other Ufologists, who initiated my visit there. I found his associates very friendly, educated, and eager to hear about reports from Australia.

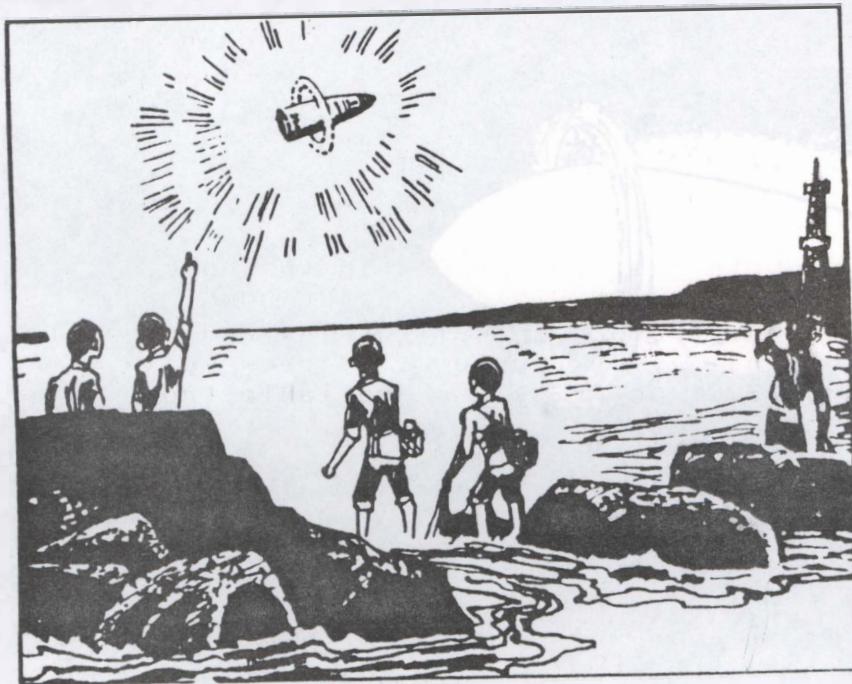
Of special interest to me was the report and sketch of a ringed bullet shaped object which flew low over the house of a lady school teacher near, OAI GANG oil fields at TANGSHAW CITY, on 5th of October, 1980.

The sighting was witnessed by her husband and four youths who were fishing near the sea shore at the same time. The object was very similar to a ringed object reported in November of the same year by a pilot who was flying over California. The encounter was investigated by researchers in that state and published in the February 1982 edition of the MUFON JOURNAL.

The identical type U.F.O. has also flown through the skies of Australia, and has been reported in our "AUSTRALIAN U.F.O. BULLETIN" (see sketch). Thus the incident of coincidence are increasing along the U.F.O. trail.



(A) Drawing of a cigar-shaped UFO with a ring seen flying above the sea near Dai Gang oil field, Tangshan City, about 3 A.M. on October 5, 1980. The shape is similar to a ringed UFO (B) seen the next month by a California pilot and reported in the February 1982 issue of MUFON UFO Journal and the January 1982 issue of International UFO Reporter. (Figure B appeared in the first issue of Natural Mysteries, a Mainland China publication, 1981.)



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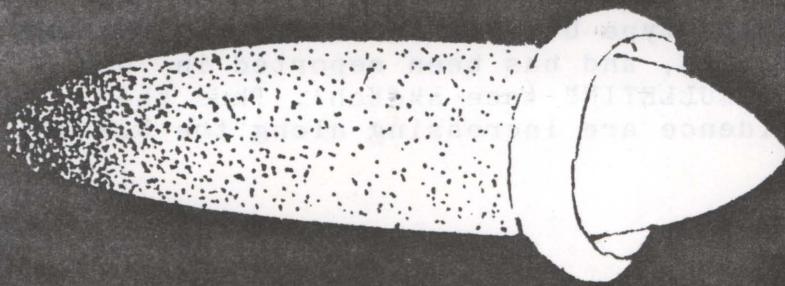
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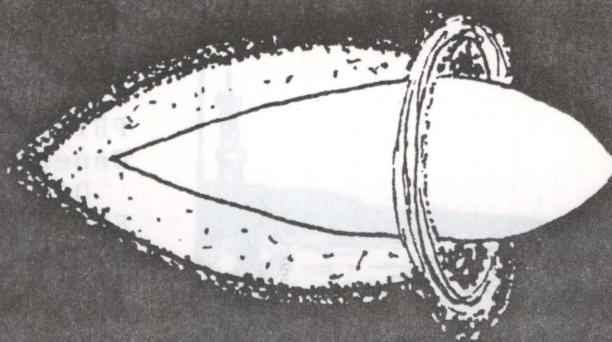


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Seen at 11.45pm for a duration of 5 minutes on a cool to warm starlit night. The UFO was cylindrical in shape, of approximate length 50 feet, with dark rear body. The mid section was rounded and was the only shining or glowing part of the UFO. There was no sound as the object rose up into the sky, sped off and disappeared. Nine pictures were said to have been taken, only one in focus by V.U.F.O.R.S. was unable to see them. (c) 1983 V.U.F.O.R.S.

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PILOT TWICE ENCOUNTERS RINGED UFO

By Tom Page
(MUFON State Section Director)

(Additional investigation assistance contributed by J. Allen Hynek and Paul Cerny, Western States Director)

Two different nighttime sightings of a similar or the same aerial object were made by a young pilot based in the Novato, Calif., area on November 5, 1980 and August 8, 1981. The first took place over the northern portion of Lake Berryessa E of Novato in Napa County, and approximately 50 miles due north of Oakland. The second, on the night of August 8, 1981, was encountered near San Luis reservoir in the western section of Merced County, about 45 miles southeast of San Jose in the lower bay area. Both sightings were at night as the young pilot was returning to home base in the Novato area from charter flights. Both times he was alone in a single engine low-wing Piper aircraft.

I have known the pilot for years. He was a student of mine in both the 8th and 9th grades for Physical Science and Earth Science. He was flying gliders as a 9th grader and was an outstanding student. He now has over 2,000 hours of flying and is a flight instructor. He wishes to have his name withheld because he wants to get a job with the airlines and feels that if his name is used it will hinder his chances of getting a job. He is almost 20 years of age.

The pilot is a person of outstanding character and I have absolutely no reason to disbelieve him. During the first interview I had an observer, a non-believer in UFOs, who stated that she believed what the pilot had said.

The character of the pilot, the acceleration changes observed, and the unusual appearance of the UFO make this an outstanding case. The pilot had little knowledge of the UFO phenomena prior to these experiences, thus adding more credibility to the

unusual characteristics and maneuvers that he observed, plus the electromagnetic (E-M) effects on his aircraft navigation and radio equipment in the second sighting.

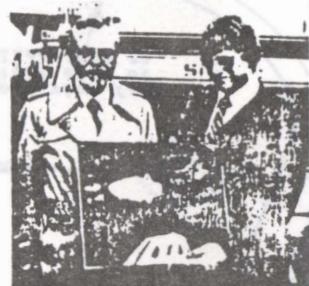
Sighting No. 1

The first encounter took place at 9:30 p.m. P.S.T. on November 5, 1980, over the northern part of Lake Berryessa near Lake Intersection of V-87 flight path (aircraft navigation maps). At the witness's request for anonymity, we will call him John Taylor.

John was returning from Chico, Calif., from the north on a heading almost due south at about 8,000 feet and was flying IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) even though it was clear all around him. There was an overcast area off his left wing to the east at roughly 12,000 feet. Scanning the sky around him for other aircraft, as any good pilot does, he spotted a light at his 7:30 o'clock position. He called Oakland FAA Center and asked if another aircraft was near his position. Oakland Center informed him they knew of no other aircraft at that location and nothing showed on radar. The light seemed to be 3 to 5 miles away.

Shortly after the radio exchange with Oakland, the light began to increase in intensity and he realized it was rapidly approaching him. It moved parallel to his 9:00 o'clock position, pacing him off his left wing at a distance of about a half mile. It stayed there for 15 to 20 seconds during which time Taylor managed to get a good look at his visitor in the dark night sky. Taylor did not recall seeing the moon out that night, possibly due to the partial 12,000 foot overcast and his close attention to the UFO.

What he saw was an elongated tear-drop-shaped orange glowing ob-



Dr. Hynek and Pilot Witness

ject extremely streamlined, smooth, and bullet shaped at the nose. The rounded nose area was glowing and pulsing a vivid orange. The pulse rate was once or twice a second. The rest of the main body and tapered end were a constant glow of a lighter orange. The most unusual feature of the strange craft was a spinning ring of red, blue, and white light that was whirling around the main body just behind the base area of the bullet nose portion, as if it were an almost invisible propeller spinning at high speed (see sketch). No other details or features, such as windows or protrusions were discernible. The ring speed would increase as the UFO accelerated.

The object then increased in color and brightness at the same time shooting forward to about 3 miles ahead of Taylor's plane at unbelievable speed. It then made a tight vertical right angle turn without slowing and shot straight upward at tremendous speed, disappearing from sight in about 5 seconds.

During its initial acceleration away from Taylor's aircraft, the object went through a rapid shape transformation. The object changed from its clearly defined outline to a glowing bright

ball of orange light in roughly 3 seconds before it ascended vertically and disappeared. Alongside Taylor's plane, the object appeared to be approximately 45 feet in length, 15 to 20 feet in diameter and the whirling ring 30-35 feet in diameter.

Taylor called Oakland Center again, briefly describing what he had experienced. The Center mentioned that they had been getting reports for the past few nights from the San Jose area, south of his location. The controllers were curious about the sighting.

Five minutes later, now over the southern end of Lake Berryessa, Taylor saw the UFO again. This time it was at his 6:30 o'clock position. He wanted to make sure he was not seeing some kind of reflection, so he turned off the inside and outside lights. With the lights off the pilot could still see the UFO. He then banked the plane to the left and was able to see the reflection of the glowing object on top of the left wing. He told Oakland Center the object was near him again, and they told him they would try to vector other aircraft to his position for a confirming look at his unusual aerial companion.

Taylor's aircraft and the UFO were still in a clear sky area with a 12,000 foot overcast. The object again shot forward going through the same shape transformation, passed Taylor's plane and again made an instantaneous 90° vertical turn, then shot up through the overcast. An airliner at 22,000 feet saw it come up through the overcast. Oakland Center asked if the pilots of the aircraft wanted to make a report on the object, both declined to do so.

Sighting No. 2

On August 8, 1981 at 2:30 a.m. P.D.T. near San Luis reservoir, some 45 miles airline southeast of San Jose, John Taylor saw the same or a similar "ringed" UFO for a second time. Taylor again was flying a low-wing Piper aircraft on a V-107 air map heading toward the northwest. He was returning to the Novato area north of San Francisco from a charter



Piper Archer II model that experienced E-M effects

flight to Palm Springs, Calif. Again he was flying IFR, mainly for practice, which he often does on his night flights.

The sky was perfectly clear, the first quarter moon had already set beyond the horizon. The strange "ringed" teardrop UFO showed up this time at his 10:30 o'clock position as he flew along at an altitude of approximately 7,500 feet. He tried to call Oakland Center to report the presence of the UFO but discovered that both communications radios were not functioning. A quick check showed that both navigation receivers were also not working.

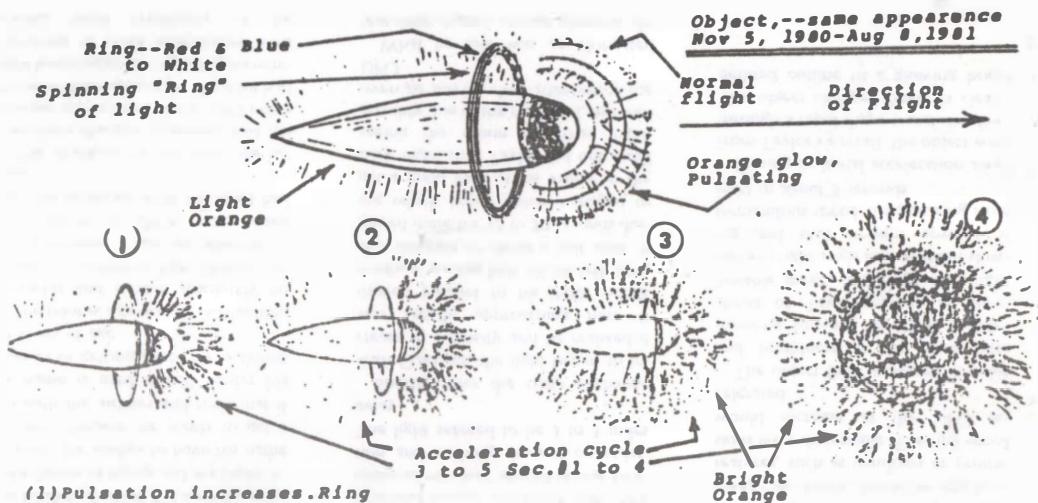
The digital read-out on the DME (Distance Measuring Equipment) started changing numbers, then went blank. Becoming alarmed about all this sudden equipment failure Taylor then turned a radio switch to "test" and turned up the volume in an attempt to at least hear static noise level. There was none on either headphones or speaker. All this time the UFO held its 10:30 position ahead and off his left wing, estimated from one-half to one mile distance. Concerned about all the apparent E-M effects on the electrical instrumentation, it was gratifying to know that the engine continued to function

perfectly, without missing a beat.

At the time, Oakland Center had the Piper aircraft on their screen before and after the sighting, which lasted approximately 5 minutes. During this time the object would move across his path, shoot up, cross over his path and down. It would cross his path again and repeat the maneuver. It was as if the ringed UFO was making a box in front of him and around his path. It would also drift back, then shoot forward.

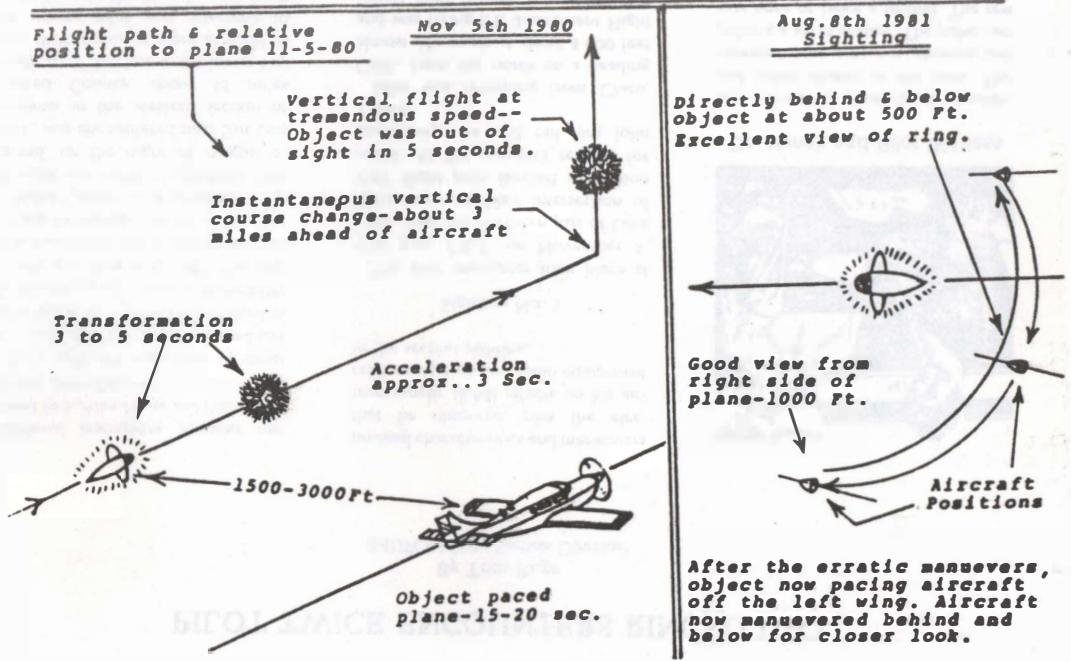
Taylor maneuvered his plane a number of times when the opportunity came, to get a better and closer look at the craft. On one occasion he was able to move to within 500 feet. This closest approach was made from behind and below. He could see the spinning ring very clearly at this position, along with its red, blue and white colors. The coloring looked like a rainbow effect. When he came to within 500 feet, the object would pull away from him, seemingly sensing his approach.

Just before the object accelerated the ring would spin faster and almost vanish. The orange color of the craft would intensify also, especially at the nose. The pulsing increased in tempo.



(1) Pulsation increases. Ring rev's up to incredible speed. Object begins to glow brightly. (2) With increasing speed ring begins to vanish. Object continues to take on a very bright glow. (3) Pulsation is absorbed and is replaced by overall increase in light. Original shape now hard to

see. (4) Object now totally unrecognizable, takes on a fireball appearance. Light is now very bright orange. Object now accelerates away at tremendous speed, then vertical and out of sight.



Ringed UFO, Continued

and the object got brighter with each pulse. The shape of the UFO would gradually be absorbed into what appeared to be a big ball of fire, all within a few seconds. It passed through this sequence of changes during the acceleration as it shot forward, then again made a vertical 90 degree turn straight up and disappeared from sight.

Taylor now noticed that all his radio equipment was again functioning normally. Contact was then made with Oakland Center and he learned they had been concerned because his plane had gone off the radar screens during the maneuvering of the UFO in front of him. The object itself never showed up on the Oakland radar scopes, but somehow did block his aircraft out at the time. Oakland Center was informed about the intruder, but these controllers showed no interest, or perhaps no belief in what this pilot related to them.

The radio and navigation equipment of the aircraft were later checked over and found to be in

perfect working order. No E-M variation on the equipment was noticed during the sighting regardless of various aircraft and UFO positions relative to each other.

Strangely enough, these two sightings occurred before and after the February 1981 rash of sightings of glowing red aerial objects seen for about a week in the vicinity of the San Jose, Calif., airport. This included aircraft pacings, one right in the traffic pattern.

The airplanes and equipment involved in the two sightings were as follows:

November 5, 1980 — The airplane involved was a 1980 Piper Turbo Saratoga SP. 1st nav radio was a King RNAV KNS80. 1st com radio was a King KY196/197 and the 2nd Nav-Com was a King KX 175B. The flight control panel was a KC 200 system. No problems were encountered with any equipment on the plane during this sighting.

August 8, 1981 — The airplane was a 1980 Piper Archer II. The equipment was 1st Comm/King

KY196/197: 1st Nav King KN 11 Loge Indicator 1000: 2nd Com/Nav KX 175B Indicator KI 205 (King). Problems occurred with most of the equipment during the second sighting.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, (Center for UFO Studies, Director) visiting the San Francisco area November 19 1981 for a television appearance also interrogated the witness and taped the interview.

Even though this witness was the only observer aside from the two airline pilots in the one encounter who refused to identify themselves his sincerity, honesty, and credibility seem unquestionable.

The unknown object involved was described in such detail that it seems to exclude any known natural phenomenon. We believe this witness to be truthful in describing the incidents as he has. Since he does not wish his name used publicly, he is not seeking notoriety in any way but felt he should report the strange object and its unusual behavior to science investigators. □

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Mrs. Hind was educated in Cape Town, South Africa. She attended Cape Town University in 1942, studying for a B.A. in English and a minor in psychology. Before completion of her B.A. degree, she left the university to join the WAAAF. After serving three years in the Air Force during World War II, she married an R.A.F. pilot and lived in England for ten years, writing short stories, articles, etc. for international magazines. In 1958, Cynthia, her husband and two children emigrated to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

In 1974 she joined MUFON in the dual role of Field Investigator and Representative for Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). Cynthia conducted a workshop session on the "UFO Scene in Africa" at the MUFON 1978 UFO Symposium in Dayton, Ohio. 1981 found her presenting a paper at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa to the Psychic Research Society on the subject "International Aspect of UFOs."

Mrs. Hind was a featured speaker at the MUFON 1981 UFO Symposium held at M.I.T. in Cambridge, Massachusetts where her paper was titled "African Encounters: Case Investigations." She was appointed Continental Coordinator for Africa in 1981.

Her first UFO book titled UFOs - African Encounters was published by Gemini, Salisbury, Zimbabwe, 1982. During this same year she spoke to a BUFORA meeting at the Kensington Library in London, England on "UFOs in Africa." While attending the 1983 Ufologia Congressa in Brasilia, Brazil, she presented two papers. Mrs. Hind's mailing address is P.O. Box 768, Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa.



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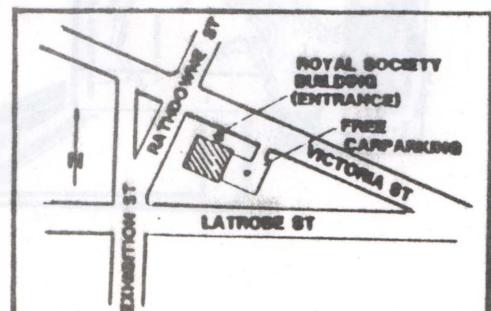
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Bright object 'buzzed me'

Mysterious lights where boys disappeared



Article from the March 29 edition of the Sunday Territorian.

A 21-year-old Casuarina man has brushed aside fears of being labelled a "nut case" to give his account of the night he was followed by an unidentified flying object near Kununurra.

Damien Monck came forward with his account after newspaper reports last month that three men travelling from Lake Gregory station to Kununurra saw mysterious lights in the area where two teenagers disappeared in December.

Mr Monck said he saw a strange light about 80km from the area one month before this sighting.

He said he was with two passengers driving along the main Darwin to Broome highway and was 70km from Kununurra on a clear November night when a bright light followed his car. He said it travelled with the car for about 40km and appeared to be coming from a round object travelling at the same speed as his car but at least 4km away. It was first spotted by seven-year-old passenger James Newton, who pointed it out to his mother Karen. Mr Monck ignored Ms Newton's pleas to turn back and look for the

By ALISON WRIGHT

light after it disappeared over a hill 30km outside Kununurra.

But the experience changed Mr Monck's belief in UFOs... previously he was sceptical but this made him curious.

Shooting

Then just before Christmas last year he was duck shooting with about 40 Darwin people north east of Holmes Jungle when mysterious lights hovered over the shooting area. He said five lights travelled past the shooters one after the other, and the last turned and travelled towards Leanyer.

"There was a big gust of wind before each one went past and we thought the lights might

have been from jets but there was no noise," he said.

"There were about 20 cars there but after the lights buzzed us everyone jumped in their cars and drove off."

Mr Monck said the UFO he saw at Kununurra was not the same as the one sighted in Darwin. He said the UFO near Kununurra was surrounded by other lights and had a tail like a comet. In the Darwin sighting the light was surrounded by about seven others.

Mr Monck's only experience with mysterious lights before these sightings was a visit to a Sydney exhibition of material gathered on UFOs.

"I just went there out of interest, not because I believed in UFOs. Now, two years later, I feel certain I have seen them," he said.

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Darwin plant operator Damien Monck wonders what he really saw during his two encounters with unidentified flying objects

'Weird lights' where boys lost

PERTH: Weird lights and strange phenomena have surrounded the area where two young boys have gone missing near the Gibson Desert.

Two men have reported lights, which looked like a big bus or a convoy of trucks in an area where there were no roads, and which seemed to follow them near where teenagers Simon Amos, 17, and James Annetts, 16, went missing.

Their sightings have caused conjecture in nearby Kununurra about whether the boys stumbled on a clandestine drug running operation.

Speculation is also rife in relation to unidentified flying objects.

Either way, Kununurra businessman and contractor, Mr Monty Barr, and compatriot, Mr Wayne Trembath, are sure they saw lights of an extraordinary nature on a trip back from Lake Gregory station about four weeks ago.

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Mr Barr has been reluctant to reveal his experience and the pictures he took because of scepticism, but finally agreed to make public what he knew or saw on the basis that people could "take it or leave it".

Four weeks ago he used his huge semi-trailer to deliver a transportable home into the Lake Gregory area for an Aboriginal mission.

Coming home, he and two colleagues saw some unusual lights which followed them for about 40 km.

Mr Barr was on the road from Lake Gregory station and Balgo Mission, towards Caranya Station and Sturt Creek station, where the two boys went missing.

Earlier this year, oil rig supervisor, Mr Doug Hodgkiss, reported strange lights, saucer shaped burns in the scrub and loud noises.

The area concerned in the reports from Mr Hodgkiss, Mr Barr and Mr Trembath, and the last known location of the two missing boys, are all in the same longitude.

Mr Barr, regarded in Kununurra as a level-headed businessman, was not keen to talk about his photographs or findings, but said he would tell what he saw on the basis that anybody who wanted to challenge or debate would not be accommodated.

Mr Trembath said that on the 80-km trip north from Lake Gregory, Mr Barr had said nothing, but believed the whole time the lights were following them.

When they stopped to have a meal the first thing Mr Barr did was to take a photograph which later showed a saucer-shaped object.

BOOK REVIEW

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BOOK REVIEW

EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONG US

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EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONGS US is a book that some people will love, while many of the hardcore Ufologists will tear it to shreads.

George Andrews seems to have more than a passing interest in UFOs, extraterrestrials, and other mysteries adjunct to the UFO phenomenon. He begins the book on a very positive note by revealing the cover-up story in Fawcett's book CLEAR INTENT, followed by the work of France's official UFO investigative agency GEPAN. He provides coverage of some very substantial UFO cases, thereby building the case for something very strange happening in the world around us. His treatment of the official United States E.T. Law is good because he quotes it verbatim. Readers will welcome this bit of information.

My own bias is not in favor of the ancient astronauts theory, so when Andrews shifts to the historical section titled From Deep Antiquity to Modern Times I felt he weakened his case for extraterrestrial visitations. This section is interestingly presented, with some new viewpoints mixed in with the same material as presented by Erich Von Daniken.

The extraterrestrial premise is damaged further by a detailed look at pyramid construction. While it is nice to imagine extraterrestrial constructors of the pyramids, pyramidologists have already done a credible job of explaining the details of the construction and the people who did the work. Critters in flying saucers were not required to get the job done.

The section on suicides mimics the feelings of many ufologists, even though they will never admit that fact in public. I have heard similar discussions within private groups of ufologists for the past 10 to 20 years. Unfortunately, Andrews could have made this section more hard hitting if he had covered fewer alleged suicides, but in greater detail. Omitting non-UFO material such as the Karen Silkwood case would also have been a strengthening factor.

The chapter on Mysterious Mutilations should be expanded into a book devoted to that subject, because the mutilation activity is so complex that a chapter does not do it justice.

While Andrews covers a lot of interesting material in Space Tribes Signal, the chapter leaves a lot to be desired. His glimpse of the work of Leonard Stringfield is credible, but is too shallow to give the reader a full insight into the significance of the crash case investigations. A number of abduction cases recorded by other authors provide detailed descriptions of humanoids and the interiors of their craft. Andrews ignored most of the better cases and devoted his space instead to a long dissertation that could be easily described as "split personality".

EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONG US is a potpourri of information. It has some strong points, but these are diluted by the addition of spurious information about fish falls and spontaneous combustion. For that reason it will be difficult for the publisher to target a specific market. The novice will probably find the book inspiring in many ways. On the other hand the critics will seek to protect the unspoiled minds of the novices and call for further censorship of this type of material. Most seasoned ufologists will find very little new material in this book and will probably tend to ignore it.

Perhaps the best feature of the book is that it keeps the UFO mystery alive and open for scrutiny. Andrews has certainly drawn a new battle line.

EDITORIAL CONT...

Even during the early days of UFOLOGY - in the 50's - we were reading some rather exciting stories of abductions from the South American area. Now we read or hear of many world wide reports of 'lost time', usually associated with abductions, where individuals - and in one case husband and wife - were taken aboard and subjected to medical examination.

Recently these stories have been showing up through the medium of medically conducted hypnosis sessions on abductees and are extremely interesting in as much as it is usually not their first contact.

Compare the case of the disappearance of the Avengers in the Bermuda Triangle, the experience of Larry Coyne and the other officers in the Helicopter, which rose several thousand feet while they were describing a UFO hovering above them, with that well known and documented disappearance of Fredrick Valentich. Coyne and his crew were fortunate their Helicopter 'dropped away' and could still fly, the others were not so lucky.

To sum up, we commence with elusive lights, then see objects with shape, we then learn they leave marks on the ground which can show altimeter and compass variations, we have animal reactions to UFO's and the rings they leave behind.

Following on these, we see entities associated with UFO's, then the blood-tingling abductions; cars, tractors and possibly even aircraft spluttering or stopping, whilst a UFO is nearby.

We have films and photos of these objects, but not until much later, do we have the means to analyse these, while at the same time we learn of quite large numbers of abductee cases and commence further investigations by means of hypnosis.

I believe it is no coincidence that our UFO friends(?) are gradually revealing themselves to us.

I'm sure it is planned, and I have no hesitation in adding, certainly not by us!

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UFO'S IN GIPPSLAND...BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

By John Wells

HISTORY need not always be about famous people, or railways, or old buildings...

Have you got an outside toilet? Is your shiny in the backyard?

Do you go down the path, around the tankstand and under the quince tree, an epic trek by day and a daring adventure by night? (We did, when I was growing up at Longwarry.)

If you do, don't. They are watching you...whoever they are.

Now, this may come as a surprise to

most of you but...believe it or not, Gippsland has been the source of a great many UFO sightings in the past, and these sightings continue.

Let me list a few of Gippsland's not-so-ancient reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. You may scoff (and probably will) and you might even be right.

In alphabetical order, here are just a few of Gippsland's better documented reports:

Bairnsdale, April 13, 1964. At 9.30pm H. Ryan sees a vivid blue flash

two or three miles away to the northwest. A blue and orange light seems to spiral down to the earth, soar into the sky and then spiral down again. He calls his wife and two visitors. They watch the light for half-an-hour. When it leaves it trails four streams of orange-red vapor. There is no official explanation.

Dalyston November 8, 1968. Mr T. Cobert is driving along the South Dudley Road with his fiancee, Miss J. Hughes. At 7.50pm they see an orange

glow. It appears that the No 5 Brace at the State Coal Mine is on fire. They realise that this is not so when the light begins to move, and they give chase. They follow it into Dalyston and on to Kilcunda, then back to the South Dudley Road. The light appears smaller, farther away. They lose it, but the sighting is confirmed by a motor mechanic from Kilcunda.

Drouin South, September 1968. At 6.15am farmer George Willis is

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Lecture:

Mr. Paul Norman, Vice President at the Victorian UFO Research Society will be giving a lecture on the Work of the Society - documented sightings - a short film will be shown, then time available for discussion. A very interesting evening is guaranteed. Wednesday, March 18, 8 p.m. at ECEC. Charge is \$4 per head which includes supper.

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UFO HOTLINE FLOODED

LONDON, Mon: Britain's first UFO hotline, for telephone callers to report sightings of unidentified flying objects, has been flooded with calls.

Organiser Richard Lawrence of Fulham, in West London, said yesterday there were a few inevitable cranks but the callers were "generally serious people."

"Some have never even told their husbands or wives what they have

experienced for fear of being dismissed as mad," he said.

The UFOs most frequently reported were large and cigar-shaped or round, silver and metallic with port-holes.

He said that some people had given details of craft that sounded strikingly similar to reports concerning the same day in different parts of the country.

Puzzle of buried UFO

TWO Mt Magnet men are still bewildered by an unidentified object they have buried in the bush for fear of radiation poisoning.

Early this year Mr Brian Watts and his brother found a light, spongy, soccer-ball-shaped object near Leonora. It was encrusted with minerals and surrounded by a circle of mineral chunks.

Experts say it is unlikely that the object is a meteorite because it is too light.

The president of the Astronautical Society of WA, Mr Geoff Davies, said that it would have become extremely hot coming through the earth's atmosphere and anything of a spongy material would probably have burned up.

However, he said there was a chance that the object was a tank from a satellite, designed to hold pressurised gas.

The two men will take the object to Mt Magnet next week for investigation.

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Saucers in the sky all over Gippsland

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beginning his day's work. He sees a strange object and estimates it to be about 30 miles distant. It has no lights but is surrounded by a blue and yellow vapor. There is no explanation.

Ferntree Gully, January 1968. At about 4.30am the Wilson family is travelling between Yarra Glen and Yea. They's putting, or perhaps four, stationary lights just below the moon. They watch for ten minutes, as dawn lightens the sky and the lights slowly fade. There is no sound, no movement, just the stationary, and inexplicable lights.

Hallam, June 12, 1964. Two carloads of people driving east from Dandenong see a large red light in the sky at 5.55pm. It is a dull winter evening and the light is clearly visible. They turn into Hallam Road, still watching the light. At first they think it is on some sort of tower but then it accelerates eastward. One witness says the light is on a craft shaped like a coin and another says the 'coin' has a dome on the top. The red light is at the front of the UFO and there is a weaker yellow light at the rear. There is no official explanation.

Hallam, again, March 5, 1967. It is 5.30pm and John Coyle and his sister Miriam are walking through a paddock near their home. A silver disk about the size of a five cent coin held at arm's length appears and describes a slow circle around their location. It circles for 24 minutes and John takes six photographs. The report is officially investigated and the Coyle's story cannot be shaken. There is no official explanation.

Heyfield, May 2, 1968. In the small hours of the morning a sanitary truck, a nightcart, breaks down by the roadside. The two men aboard, are debating going for help when one sees a string of red lights. At first the lights seem to be approaching them, and then they stop. The two men stand on the bonnet of the truck for a better view, and they see an object with a

dome and a row of red lights. In the morning the grass in that spot is found to be dying. During the small hours of the following morning the object is seen again and is reported to the RAAF. The Air Force investigates but can offer no explanation.

Korumburra, November 1968. Five revellers coming home from a barbecue at about 11.45pm see a bright orange light over the Korumburra Golf Club. It disappears somewhere over the reservoir and, again, there is no official explanation.

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Moe, February 15, 1963. Charles Brew and his son, Trevor, see a UFO and are able to get a good look at it. They give a precise description. The object is about eight metres in diameter and about three metres high. It is the traditional 'flying saucer' shape and is battleship-grey. It has a clear glass-like dome with a two-metre mast. It hovers silently about 20 to 25 metres above the ground and the only sound is an audible humming or 'swishing' when the craft disappears westward.

Narre Warren, Date and time unknown. Mr L. Veld is watching a bushfire with some friends. A pale orange craft with fins appears from the east, travelling west just below the clouds, at about 150 metres altitude. It disappears over Melbourne. Newspapers report the sighting but there is no explanation.

Sale, Date and time unknown. Mrs G. Butcher reports that her mother saw a shiny object which darted about

the sky and terrified her cows. Mrs Butcher kept the matter secret but a few days later the newspapers reported a similar sighting near Korumburra.

Wonthaggi, August 27, 1954. At 8.30pm a strange object appears in the sky. In the 25 minutes it is visible it changes color frequently. It disappears to the north and is definitely not an aeroplane.

Wonthaggi, September 9, 1954. A similar object is sighted again and two carloads of people follow it. It may have been the object seen a fortnight earlier. It disappears toward Melbourne.

Wonthaggi, (Dudley South), September 21, 1963. A huge spherical object, larger than an aeroplane, is observed for about 25 minutes by 60 people. It gives off an orange, flashing light. Television reception fails while the object is in the area. It disappears in the southwest.

Wonthaggi, September 23, 1963. At about 7pm five people see the mysterious sphere again. These five are all in separate locations. There is still no explanation but the sightings might have been of two separate objects in the area at the same time.

There have been more recent sightings too, including an inexplicable red light I saw cross the sky very rapidly from west to east south of Upper Beaconsfield. It was very definitely not a strobe light on an aeroplane.

There was the Vallenutch mystery. There are reports from people I promised not to quote, people who were anxious to avoid publicity.

So there it is. There have been countless sightings in Gippsland but people will usually not report them for fear of being called ratsbags.

I'm not saying that our past, or our future, includes aliens. I'm not saying that I believe in flying saucers. On the other hand...

PASPALUM PLACE

By IAN WARDEN

What can one believe of what the Skeptics say?

I HAVE received what purports to be an invitation from the Australian Skeptics to what they say is their Third National Conference and which they say will be held on Saturday from 2pm at what they refer to as "the Research School of Earth Sciences" at the Australian National University.

I am tempted to try to attend this alleged conference but I am not at all sure that the Australian Skeptics really exist and even if they do what proof is there that they are to meet at the time and place they say? Is there such a place as the Research School of Earth Sciences?, and even if there is how are we to be sure that the university's janitor, if indeed there is such a person, will unlock it to allow the conference to take place? What if, as a result of a worrying Tarot reading or astrological forecast in the morning, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, if there is such a man, decides that disaster will befall his university if the conference goes ahead and decides to forbid it?

In conversation with a person professing to be an organiser of the alleged conference, I heard of the invention, by one of his colleagues, of the word "credulists" to describe those people who are the very opposite of sceptics in that they are disposed to believe almost everything about astrology, prophecy, UFOs, the occult and the whole salad of such superstitions.

This is a very useful and long-overdue word and can be used to replace the more cumbersome and

less all-embracing "superstitious". One of its contemporary uses, I beg to suggest, is to describe those cargo-cultists who believe that the election of Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen will deliver Australia from evil and deliver them chunky tax cuts.

One of the participants in the conference, a Mr Andrew Cole, is to speak about UFOs in Australia. He is on immediately after someone has spoken on, and probably savaged, *The Prophecies of Nostradamus*.

I had supposed that Mr Cole would be having a good scoff at the belief that there are such things as UFOs but he has surprised me by saying that in fact he has an open mind on the matter, and that it is quite common for sceptics to be interested in UFOs and to contribute a little discriminating sanity to an interest which does attract some fanatics. Sceptics are useful in this area, he tells me, because with their intellectual detachment they are able to help explain away the more than 90 per cent of alleged UFO sightings that are either Venus or Jupiter or Boeing 727s or kites or something else which is inexplicable.

He tells me that he has played some part in explaining one sighting in which a couple, "scared out of their wits" were chased at night in their car by darting lights. Upon sceptical investigation this chase proved to be, instead, light glinting on the shiny power lines above a railway track for electric trains. The road, in the country, ran close to the railway line so that alterations in the angles at which the road related to the line gave the impres-

sion of the lights darting away from and towards the car. A less sceptical student of UFOs, a ravenous credulist hungry for proof that we are not alone, might have been quick to consign this report to the Inexplicable basket.

And so to my surprise I find myself more sceptical on this subject than an accredited Australian Skeptic, believing, as I do, that people who are disposed to believe that there are inexplicable things going on in the skies are disposed to believe that these are the peregrinations of interesting beings from a galaxy far away and beings with the intelligence (each) of several dozen dolphins and hence with the ability to make God-like interventions to make our planet A Better Place. Perhaps, again, it is disconcerting for people to look up at the firmament and to have to believe that we are alone.

If there are such beings then it is not easy to explain why they are so circumspect about making unambiguous contact with humans. Instead of giving a fleeting glimpse of themselves or of their alleged vehicles to the occasional lonely hobbled-eye (who never has a camera or a tape recorder handy), why don't they land at Seiffert Oval during a rugby-league match (preferably at half-time so as not to interrupt the game) or come and hover over Lake Burley Griffin during the Food and Wine Frolic or, if a fear of crowds is a problem, land during a Canberra City Griffins soccer match at the Bruce Stadium, or call a discreet press conference of sensitive journalists of a reputable organ like *The Canberra Times*?

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US 'examined bodies of UFO crew in 1947'

LONDON: The bodies of four aliens from a UFO which crashed in the United States 40 years ago were recovered and examined by a special government team, according to top-secret documents obtained by a British researcher.

A report in a national Sunday newspaper in Britain said a committee code-named Majestic 12 was involved in the recovery operation and the subsequent cover-up.

The Observer newspaper said it had seen the documents which claim the then head of the CIA, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, reported that "although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens".

Hoax

The document purports to be a briefing paper for President Eisenhower on Operation Majestic 12, or MJ-12.

A leading British UFO researcher, Mr Timothy Good, claims in his book *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up*, that Majestic 12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered up flying saucer crashes.

Some UFO experts believe the story could be a hoax involving the planting in the files of Air Force Intelligence of a separate White House memo that supports the briefing paper.

The Observer said inquiries had been unable to authenticate the document but evidence had been found to support the existence of the mysterious MJ-12 committee.

In the briefing paper detailing the discovery of the alien bodies, it was reported that on June 24 1947 disc-shaped aircraft were sighted in the US.

"Little was learned until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in New Mexico," the briefing paper said.

"On July 7 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage for scientific study."

"During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft before it exploded."

Extensive searches of the archives of US presidents Truman and Eisenhower and the National Archives have failed to turn up a copy.

But a White House memorandum referring to a meeting of MJ-12 was found in the files of the Air Force's Director of Intelligence.

An American UFO writer said in The Observer that the memo and the briefing paper could be part of a sophisticated fraud.

"There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo," the UFO writer, Mr Barry Greenwood, said.

"For example it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened to the public."

"The hoaxter could then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp."

IN BRIEF Nasa balloon crashes

WASHINGTON. — A Nasa research balloon launched from Australia on a trip around the globe crashed yesterday in Paraguay, according to Nasa spokesman Jim Elliott.

"The helium-filled balloon went down near Concepcion," Mr Elliott said, a week after the 183-metre high balloon was launched from Alice Springs. It had been expected to take 12 to 15 days to go around the earth. The cause of the crash was not known.

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My Proposal for a UFO Museum!

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For the past 42 years I have been a civilian UFO investigator, researcher, organizer, writer, lecturer and teacher in the exciting field of the scientific study of unidentified flying objects(UFOs).

For 22 of these years I have seriously entertained the dream of establishing a UFO Museum somewhere as both a tourist attraction and as a research center, but because of my responsibilities with the YMCA, the newspapers and a restaurant I have not been able to follow up this project, which I now know, beyond a reasonable doubt would be a successful endeavor and would meet a growing need in the UFO field.

WHY A UFO MUSEUM?

1. It would help preserve the history of UFOs for all future generations.
2. It would capitalize on the widespread public and private interest, belief and awareness, as has already been detected by the 1978 Gallup Poll and other polls and studies on a global basis.
3. It would serve as a collection center for all past, present and future donors of UFO materials, some who have already willed their collections to me and to others. The potential for financial, material and human resources cannot be overestimated.
4. It would enable us to educate the public on current facts and discoveries concerning UFOs worldwide.
5. It would serve as a "reporting center", where eyewitnesses could report their experiences without fear of ridicule, censorship or other recriminations.
6. It would not compete, but rather cooperate and coordinate with all other existing UFO organizations and UFO publications, etc.

WHERE A UFO MUSEUM?

1. It should be in an area with future growth potential in terms of population, diversified industry and business, educational institutions, and centrally located with easy accessibility to outside visitors, tourists, etc.
2. It would probably be located where the largest number of rapidly available investors could be found as quickly as possible.
3. It might be located near an area already highly developed as a tourist attraction or an area located near where popular natural mysteries such as the Brown Mountain Lights, spook lights, Bigfoot creatures, ice caves, caverns, haunted places already attract curious crowds.

WHAT IN A UFO MUSEUM?

1. It would include the following rooms and facilities to begin with
(a) Classrooms (b) reading room and library (c) lecture room auditorium (d) exhibit room (e) research room (f) publications and information room (g) snack bar and registration room (h) storage and utility room (i) office, etc.

HOW WOULD A UFO MUSEUM FUNCTION?

(a) The classroom would be used for teaching UFO courses, conducting workshops and Board Meetings, and holding UFO study group meetings, etc.

(b) The reading room and library would be used for viewing UFO books, journals, scrapbooks, clipping services, magazine articles, worldwide UFO studies and publications, Freedom of Informations UFO documents, etc.

(c) The lecture room auditorium would be used for UFO symposiums, conferences, movie films, visiting UFO speakers, training sessions and a community rental meeting room(when not in use for UFO events), etc.

(d) The exhibit room would be used for group tours such as schools, community service clubs, bus tours, private and public visitations, etc. Exhibits would include eyewitness sketchings and paintings, display boards, announcement bulletins of coming events, clipping displays of recent reported UFO sightings, slide presentations, artifacts, sculptured models of UFOs and their occupants documented along with landing marks, framed photographs, UFO trivia pursuit questions/answers, etc.

The exhibit room would also have private stalls and/or small theatres for seeing and hearing sound recordings of eyewitness accounts, UFO video cassettes, UFO documented movies, tape recordings, etc. Visiting UFO photographic exhibits would be on display from time to time, as would permanent exhibits of UFO investigative kits and UFO displays(things identified as not being UFOs) such as planes, planets, balloons, meteors, hoaxes, fake photographs, flares, etc.

If in future years those reported Retrievals of the Third Kind (crashes of UFOs with the bodies of aliens) are confirmed you can be rest assured that room will be readily available for these exhibits too. In fact, a separate museum could quickly be built for these items alone(with private booths for skeptics to weep in).

(e) The research room include filing cabinets, case histories, specialized research, field investigations, computers and printouts, xeroxing machines(to share information with visiting field investigators and students), global UFO catalogs, correspondence, eyewitness questionnaires, study results, state UFO histories, etc.

(f) The publications and information room would include for retail sales such items as old and current UFO books, a UFO Museum newsletter, global UFO journals, a booth for taping your own UFO experience(both audio and visual), UFO tapes, cassettes, T-shirts, bumper stickers, pennants, cookbooks, sound recordings, slides, UFO catalogs, photo of you and your favorite UFO or UFOonaut booth(using models), UFO written exams, recommended reading and publications/organizations lists, UFO investigator's kits and equipment, etc. Free UFO information handouts and questionnaires for eyewitnesses can be distributed, as well as UFO Museum brochures.

(g) The snack bar and registration room would include food featuring space doggies(hot dogs), UFO burgers(hamburgers), UFOs(unidentified frozen or fried objects)(fruit salad and french fries) and the like. The snack bar would have chairs and other tables and chairs would be available for guests. This area of the museum would include other vending machines, a registration book for guests, video games and a lighted five cosmic quizzes on UFO experiences with selector buttons, as well as selected statements by world figures and their photographs and names on the walls. Information brochures on nearby area motels, hotels, eating spots, other area attractions can be made available for those who may wish to stay overnight or for longer periods of time in the area.

(h) Storage and utility room would include office supplies, cleaning supplies, incoming exhibits and donated UFO collections, etc.

(i) The office would include the usual telephone, desk and chairs, secretarial supplies, typewriter, mimeograph machine, perhaps an answering service for off hours, book shelves, a personal filing cabinet, extra promotional materials such as posters, etc. Toilets should be nearby for both the staff and visitors to the UFO Museum.

HOW TO FINANCE & PROMOTE A UFO MUSEUM?

There would be many different ways to finance and promote a UFO Museum, almost as numerous as one could imagine. One of course would be to take a bank note and pay it off over a period of time(along with the current interest. Two would be to go to different investors to get the money with an estimated period of time their investment would be paid off.

Several other unique ways to gain such support, would be to enlist the 15 million Americans, who claimed to have seen UFOs(in the 1978 Gallup Poll)(to put their money where their mouth is) and donate \$1 each towards the establishment of a UFO Museum.

Another way would be to seek such donations through the various worldwide UFO organizations and publications.

And yet another approach would be to seek public and private foundation grants to fund the UFO Museum.

The UFO Museum project could be financed and promoted through the following means:

(A) News releases and public appearances on radio, TV and the newspapers, magazines, etc.

(B) Through lecture tours at the college and university level.

(C) Through signboards on area highways and community posters.

(D) Through announcements on global as well as national UFO journals, publications and study groups and UFO organizations.

(E) Through announcements, both personal appearances and bulletin board posters throughout the school system(elementary through college/university level.)

(F) Through museum admission fees, service fees, group and bus tours, family and contributing memberships.

(G) Through funds raised by workshops, symposiums, conferences, classes, lecture appearances, auditorium rentals.

(H) Through admission fees for special visiting UFO speakers and visiting photographic exhibits of UFOs.

(I) Through proceeds raised on retail sales of UFO bumper stickers, UFO T-shirts, in-house UFO Museum newsletters and bulletins, pennants, a percentage of profits from the snack bar, community rental of auditorium (when available), through xerox machine use by researchers, through training sessions for investigators, through publications and book sales, through special research publications at the UFO Museum, through taping booth fees for recording UFO experiences and fees for favorite UFO/ UFOnaut photographs, UFO trivia pursuit booklets, through sale of UFO cassettes, cookbooks, UFO catalogs, special research information requests,

(J) The UFO Museum can also be promoted through area Chamber of Commerce, shopping center exhibits, hotel/motel brochures, guided tours for

tourists, Civic Clubs, similiar organizations, school classes, visits by community service organizations such as YMCAs, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Co-Ed Day Camp trips, etc. In-house UFO Museum newsletters, brochures and special programs and activities conducted there during the year can also be used to help promote the UFO Museum.

(K) Income could be produced from the video and vending machines in the snack bar and registration room.

(L) Additional funds could be derived in the future from outside "flying saucer" rides and other amusement rides if provided as the UFO Museum concept grows.

(M) UFO Museum Gift Memberships, and Half-Price Guest Passes (special rates) can be sold.

(N) Special UFO workshop fees and special video and movie films can be provided at a special admission fee throughout the year for both members and non-members.

(O) The UFO Museum could be further promoted with exhibits, which would includes examples of evidence for UFO Encounters of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Kind.

(P) Exhibits of different case histories can be on display at the museum from time to time, along with a map showing the different locations where the incidents occurred.

WHEN A UFO MUSEUM?

To date I have been talking to several investors from Gatlingburg, Tennessee and from Blowing Rock and Statesville, North Carolina on the UFO Museum project.

My previous suggestions to the National Enquirer and to Walt Disney World have been turned down.

I have over 14,000 UFO items in my collection over the past four decades, plus several persons, who have already willed their collections to me for the not-to-distant future.

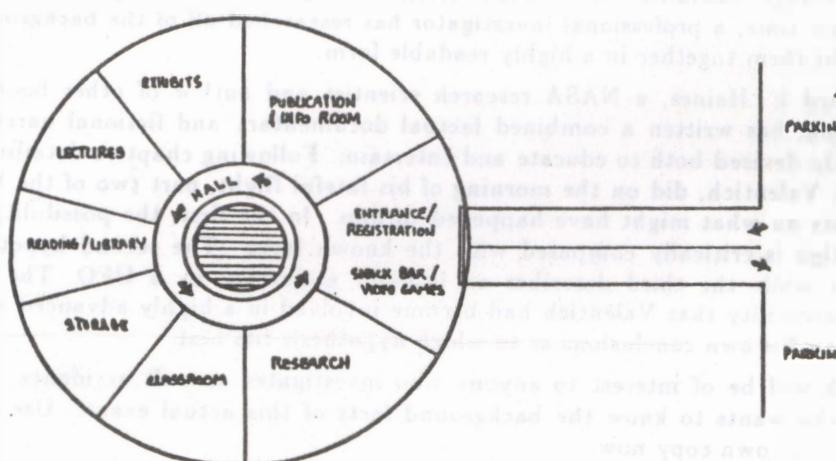
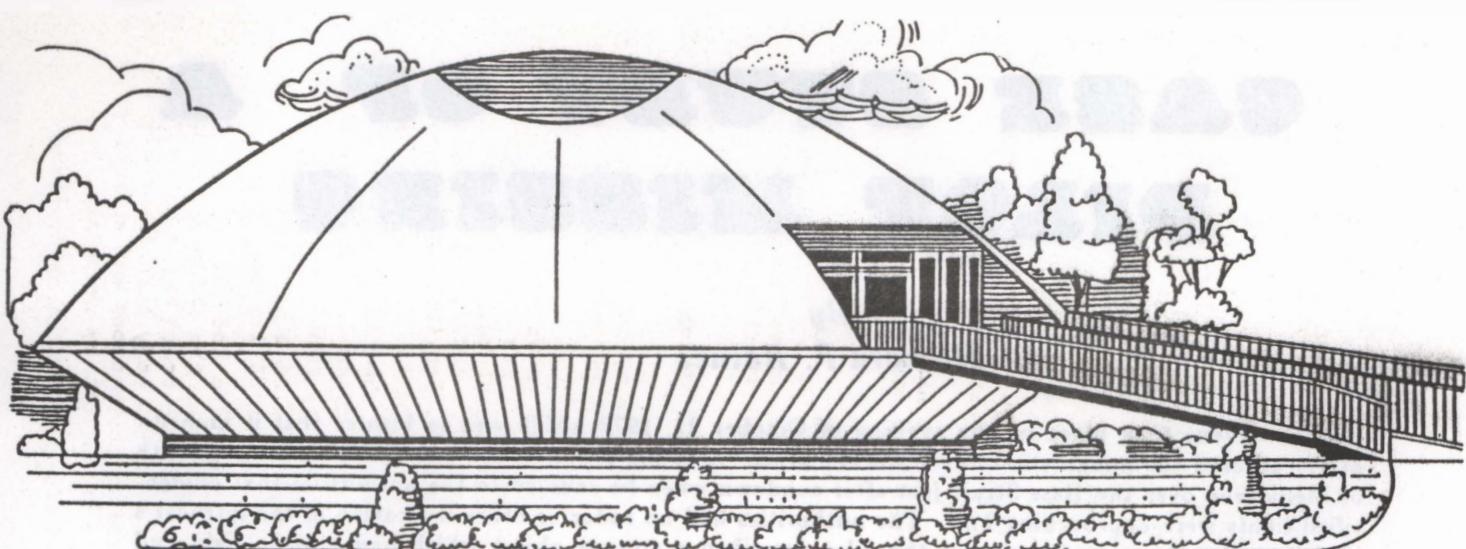
With the widespread public and private interest in UFOs worldwide in over 140 world nations for over 40 years now, I am sure that my proposal for a UFO Museum that I have briefly outlined in this article is on sound grounds and has the making for a highly successful venture. I feel that the members of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc.(MUFON) would also support such a worthy project in many ways.

It is my firm conviction that the time for the establishment of a UFO Museum and the fulfillment of my dream for such a project is an idea whose time has come. Branch UFO Museums could be established in future years.

I am aware of similiar efforts on a smaller scale that have already proven popular in other states such as California, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

I have in brief tried to outline the WHY, WHERE, WHAT, HOW and WHEN for my UFO Museum Proposal for the MUFON UFO JOURNAL in hopes that it will be read by many and in some way reach those who will help my UFO Museum concept become a reality in the very near future. My motivation, my experience, my contacts and my collections and enthusiasm stand ready to back those who will choose to support my proposal.

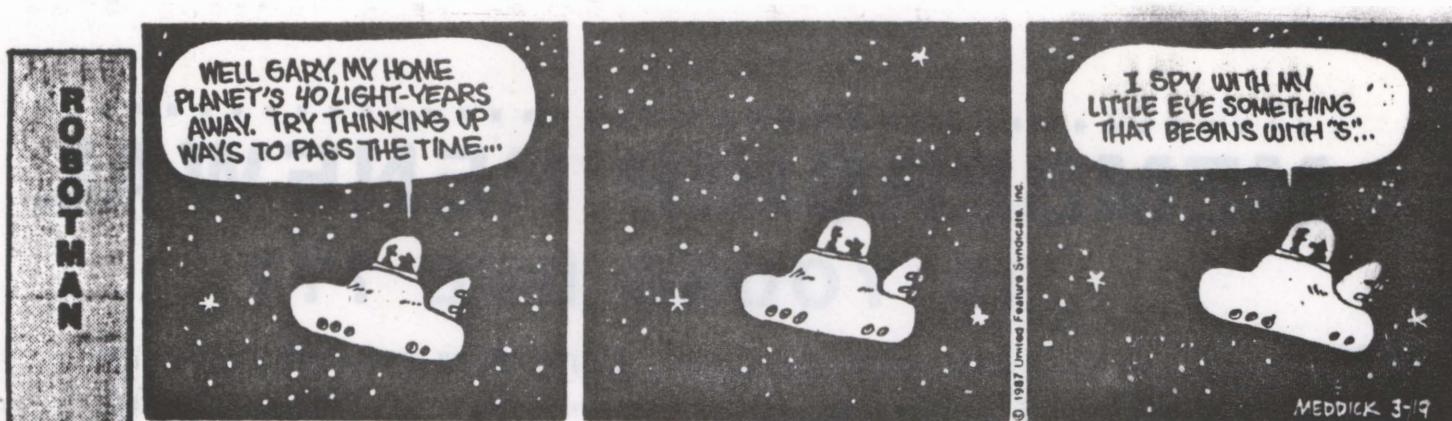
What do the members and supporters of MUFON think of the "dream?"



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